GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:135
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2017
Air Services
Choudhary Col. (Retd) Sona Ram

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide air services to major cities of the country which have been presently left out of the network to boost tourism and economy of Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Jaisalmer City had Air India services during 1997-2000 on Delhi-Jaisalmer and Mumbai-Jaisalmer routes due to its tourist potential and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to start air services this year on the above routes and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 135 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2017 REGARDING AIR SERVICES TABLED BY COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY, MP ; (a) & (b) Government has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) to facilitate air connectivity to various cities. Air India along with its wholly owned subsidiary Alliance Air operates to 70 domestic destinations covering major cities and places of tourism and industrial importance in India. Air India is also participating in regional connectivity scheme. (c) Alliance Air (a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India) commenced operations to/from Jaisalmer in Winter Schedule 1997. The flights were operated only in the winter season i.e from November to March in every Winter Schedule from 1997 till March, 2001. The schedule of flights operated during 1997 to 2001 year wise is given below: ;

I. 1997/1998 (November 1997 to March 1998); CD-7473/7474 Delhi/Jaipur/Jaisalmer/Jaipur/Jaisalmer/Delhi - 3 flights per week;

II. 1998/1999 (November 1998 to March 1999); CD-7473/7474 Delhi/Jaipur/Jaisalmer/Jaipur/Jaisalmer/Delhi - 3 flights per week; CD-7195/7196 Mumbai/Jodhpur/Jaisalmer/Jodhpur/Mumbai - 3 flights per week; III. 1999/2000 (November 1999 to March 2000); CD-7473/7474 Delhi/Jaipur/Jodhpur/Jaisalmer/Jaipur/Delhi - 3 flights per week IV. 2000/2001 (November 2000 to March 2001) CD-7473/7474 Delhi/Jaipur/Udaipur/Jaisalmer/Udaipur/Jaipur/Delhi - 3 flights per week; ; (d) Currently Air India/Alliance Air has no plans to start flight on Delhi-Jaisalmer and Mumbai-Jaisalmer route due to resource constraint.; ; Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of RDGs issued by the Government.